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TRIBUTE BY ASSOCIATES.
Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company on Col. F. E. Smith.

At a meeting of the full board of directors of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company, held at its office on Tuesday, the 28th inst., the following tribute to the memory of the late Colonel Fred. E. Smith was offered and unanimously adopted.

The board of directors of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company place on record this tribute to the high personal character and devoted service of Frederick Eljah Smith the late president of the company, whose death, on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1907, is a personal and public bereavement.

Born in Northfield, Washington county, on the eleventh day of June, 1830, graduated at Newbury seminary in 1848, he immediately came to Montpelier, where he made his home as long as he lived.

He was a model of true citizenship. He devoted much ability to every uplifting and refining effort of a social or public character in the town of his adoption. He served its schools with the same fidelity as he served its financial institutions.

He responded to the call of his country in the days of 1861 and made a most creditable record, as a soldier, in the Quartermaster's Department where his systematic methods, integrity, and ability were recognized and appreciated.

In 1866 and 1868 he was elected a Senator in the Legislature, bringing to its important duties the steady, unobtrusive application which was a marked characteristic of his mental habit.

He began his career in the service of this company as a director on October 30th, 1875 and served in that capacity during the remainder of his life. He was vice-president of the company from August 14, 1877 until February 24, 1887, when he was elected president, which office he held until April 1st, 1891. He then resigned on account of ill health.

Regarding his health in a measure he again served as vice-president from October 15th, 1891 until October 16th, 1893, at which time he was again made president, which office he held at the time of his death.

For nearly thirty-two years he served the company with such fidelity as merits the strongest commendation and approval. He was equal to every position of honor or trust to which he was called, and he rose to the ideal of faithful, patient, wise and consummate service.

EXAMINATIONS OFFERED.

By U. S. Civil Service Commission at Burlington.

The U. S. civil service commission will hold examinations in the high school in Burlington on March 29, 1907, for the following named positions:

Apprentice; clerk (men only); depart mental service; bookbinder; compositor, electrotype finisher, electrotype molder, press feeder and pressman, in the government printing office; guard, U. S. penitentiary service; elevator conductor, stenographer, departmental service; stenographer and typewriter, all services; typewriter, departmental service; railway mail clerk.

It is considered that the stenography and typewriting examinations offer excellent opportunities for appointment in the different branches of the classified service to those who may successfully pass the same, at salaries ranging from \$600 to \$1,200 per annum. This is particularly true of applicants of the male sex.

A change has recently been made in regard to the height and weight of applicants for railway mail clerk. The limit is now 5 feet 5 inches in height, without shoes, and 130 pounds in weight in ordinary clothing.

For application blank and particulars connected with these examinations apply to Mr. C. L. Alexander at the Court House, or B. E. Stebbins, secretary board of examiners, P. O. building, Boston, Mass.

MEXICAN BANDIT MURDERS RURALS IN THEIR SLEEP.

Notorious Enrique Chavez Butchers a Band of Six Soldiers.

Mazatlan, Mexico, Feb. 28.—Six rurales, as they lay asleep in the shelter of rocks in the vicinity of Tepic, were butchered by the notorious bandit, Enrique Chavez, and his band on Tuesday.

Ranchmen and farmers in the Tepic district are in a condition bordering on panic, as it is rumored that Chavez has gathered around him other men as bloody and cruel as himself. Many efforts have in the past few months been made to capture the bandit, but his luck, nerve, and knowledge of the country have always saved him.

ASTONISHED BY STEVENS

Washington Stirred up Over Resignation Of

DENATURED ALCOHOL

To Be Given More Freedom—Government Right to Appeal—Typhoid Fever on the Conscience.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Chief Engineer Stevens' resignation from the Panama Canal Commission has caused profound astonishment here in both congress and official circles. The real explanation for it has not yet been given out, and the President and the other high officials who know it are keeping it a profound secret.

It is known, however, that Mr. Stevens set forth his reasons in his letter to the President of ten days ago, and this document will be made public if the chief engineer objects to the way he has been treated.

The aggravating questions relating to the lock canal and the Gatun dam foundations are said to have had something to do with Mr. Stevens' resignation. He had staked his reputation as an engineer that the dam and the locks would rest on a substantial foundation, but the existence of the latter have been denied in responsible quarters, and the President and Secretary Taft are not fully satisfied about it.

Secretary Taft has directed that various additional borings be made, and one of the prime objects of his trip to Panama on March 20 will be to look over the site of the dam and the foundation for himself. He will take three able engineers with him for advice and counsel on this point, and it is said Mr. Stevens was vexed that his word on the matter should be questioned.

Furthermore, Mr. Stevens is said to have become nervous and irritable over a number of annoying matters. One official said today that the chief engineer's long sojourn in a tropical climate had "got on his nerves," and had made him suspicious and impatient of criticism.

President Roosevelt is disgusted with his experience with civilian chief engineers. He has told callers that he has determined to put the work in charge of men who will stay on the canal until he tells them to come away, and he has said frankly that he is tired of having men get weary of the job and throw it up whenever they feel like it.

MORE FREEDOM FOR DENATURED ALCOHOL.

Senate Committee on Finance Reports Hansbrough Bill.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Senate committee on finance has reported the Hansbrough free denatured alcohol bill. Senator Hansbrough will urge its passage in the Senate this afternoon, and gave notice to this effect this morning.

The purpose of the bill, which amends the present law, is to make it possible for small manufacturers to operate. The scope of the amendment was greatly restricted, however, by an amendment put on in committee that requires a storekeeper on the premises of every establishment where alcohol is distilled.

This is not satisfactory to Senator Hansbrough, but at the same time the bill as reported will broaden the present law.

TYPHOID PATIENTS ON THE CONNECTICUT DOING WELL.

Battleship Ordered By Wireless to Hurry to Navy Yard Here.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The Navy Department has received a wireless message from the battleship Connecticut dated at sea last night, indicating that the ship was off Cape Hatteras, and stating that all of the typhoid patients on board were doing well.

The ship was bound for Hampton Roads but the Department ordered her to proceed to the New York Navy yard, where the sick men will be at once landed and taken to the hospital.

GOVERNMENT RIGHT TO APPEAL. Bill Now Awaits The Signature Of The President.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The House, today, accepted the conference report on the bill granting to the Government the right of appeal to the supreme court of the United States in criminal cases. The bill now only lacks the approval of the President to make it a law.

THE RESIGNATION OF SHALLENBERGER ACCEPTED.

McCleary Is to Be Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Second Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shallenberger.

DIES AS DAUGHTER IS BORN.

Assemblyman Burnett of New York Has Passed Away.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Assemblyman Jenn L. Burnett of Ontario county died Tuesday about the same hour that his wife bore him a daughter, at their home at Canadawaga. Mrs. Burnett is so ill that she has not been told of her husband's death. The death caused a suspension of business in the legislature. He had served in the legislature since 1899.

Special Low Rates.

Via Wisconsin Central Ry. to all points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, March 1st to April 30th. Round trip Homeseekers' Tickets on special dates. Write at once for information and maps to Wm. Kelly, traveling agent, W. C. Ry., 290 Broadway, New York City.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Drugstore refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box, 25c.

"CYCLONE" BLOOD CLEANER.

For those readers of this paper who have any form of blood disorders, who want new, rich blood and plenty of it, try this:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces.

Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. Any good prescription pharmacy can supply the ingredients at small cost.

This is the prescription which when made up is called the "Vegetable Treatment," by others, the "Cyclone Blood Purifier." It certainly does wonders for some people who are sickly, weak and out of sorts, and is known to relieve serious, long-standing cases of rheumatism and chronic backache quickly.

Make some up and try it.

of Second Assistant Postmaster General W. S. Shallenberger.

Representative James T. McCleary of Minnesota, who is to retire from Congress at the close of the present session, will be appointed as Mr. Shallenberger's successor.

The resignation of Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden, it is expected, will be submitted to the president in a day or two. No intimation yet is given of his successor.

WIRE HOOK CLEW TO THEFT

Belief Electric Wiring Was Means of Robbery at The Sub-Treasury.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 28.—Capt. Porter and his men, who are investigating the sub-treasury theft of \$175,000, have found their best clue in the pieces of electric light wire which were being used to repair lights in the case of George W. Fitzgerald, accounting teller.

High wires were used to make a hook and draw out the money, it is believed. It would be easy to pass such a hook through the bars of the cage during the noon hour, says L. R. Muller, general auditor of the sub-treasury. He said:

"The electricians who were at work in the cage are under constant surveillance, and if it was one of them who entered the cage, it might be, however, that it was done by some one who entered the building."

Threatened with death by Accountant Teller George W. Fitzgerald, from whose cage the money was stolen, secret service agents today became more cautious. Each man assigned to the task of keeping the teller under surveillance was heavily armed as a precaution against the carrying out of the threat.

FIND SKELETON CHAINED TO CELL IN A PALACE.

History Does Not Tell Who Victim of Dungeon Was.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The newspapers here state that workmen who were engaged in renovating the so-called Engineers' palace, constructed by Emperor Paul, discovered a secret door and a skeleton leading to a cell in the basement, where they found a skeleton chained to the wall.

History does not offer any explanation of the presence of the skeleton in the cell.

This palace, in which Emperor Paul was assassinated, is a mysterious building containing a number of secret passages, constructed by the emperor. There is one leading underground to the Fontanka canal, where, according to tradition, a boat was kept in readiness for the emperor to escape to the fortress on the opposite side of the Neva.

GAME WARDEN FOUND SLAIN.

Vigilant Official Believed to Have Been Murdered in Woods.

Woodstock, Ill., Feb. 28.—Deputy Game Warden Earl Eldridge, a trapper of McHenry county, was found dead on Tuesday in the woods, six miles north of this place, with a bullet through his heart. Four place is suspected.

Eldridge was a vigilant official, who prosecuted game law violators without prejudice and had made many enemies by upholding the law.

DEFAULTER WALKER'S SUCCESSOR ELECTED.

Police Still Have No Clue to the Missing Banker.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 28.—At a meeting of the directors of the Savings Bank of New Britain yesterday, E. N. Stanley, cashier of the New Britain National bank, was elected treasurer, taking the place of defaulter William F. Walker.

The police here have no news of the missing treasurer.

PORTO RICO A TERRITORY.

This Is The Ruling of The Federal Court.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Feb. 28.—In the case of Francisco Cortijo against the American Railroad company the judge of the Federal court decided yesterday that the Federal statute as to employers' liability is constitutional and locally applicable, Congress having supreme power over the Territories of the United States, and Porto Rico being in that category.

DISGRACE FOR PAYMASTER.

British Naval Officer Severely Reprimanded and Relieved.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28.—A court martial was held Tuesday at Esquimaux, naval station, on board H. M. S. Eggeric, to try Paymaster H. C. M. Bills for negligence of duty in leaving public money in his private cash box, from which \$310 was stolen. The result of the trial was a severe reprimand.

NO MORE RELIEF WORK.

Residue of San Francisco Funds for New Hospital.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—The Relief Committee has decided to terminate its work as soon as possible and not later than April 1st the latest. It proposes to devote the residue of the relief fund toward the establishment of a free general hospital, and the suggestion is well received.

BANKING FOR THE U. P.

Kuhn Loeb & Co's Percentages on Sales

WERE NEARLY \$2,000,000

Had Two Directors; Collected Five Per Cent Commissions—Helped Gobble Other Roads, But Under No Agreement.

New York, Feb. 28.—Nearly two millions in commission was the share of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. in the sale of the Southern Pacific, according to the testimony of Otto H. Kuhn of the firm at the interstate commerce commission examination yesterday.

C. A. Severance of the government's counsel took up the examination of Mr. Kuhn and questioned him concerning the reorganization of the Union Pacific Railroad company. Jacob H. Schiff, the witness said, was a member of the reorganization committee, and Kuhn, Loeb & Co. acted as its bankers.

A very large percentage of securities bought and sold by the Union Pacific had passed through the house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. The first large transaction was the purchase of the Southern Pacific. Before the purchase of the Southern Pacific stock they had an understanding with Harriman that the Union Pacific would take it. They took a commission of \$2.50 per share, or a total of \$1,875,000. This, he said, was no more than reasonable, in view of the risk the firm took in buying the stock.

Members of the commission are almost bewildered by the mass of sensational revelations which Harriman is making in his testimony. The keynote of the Harriman operations as he has told them to the commission appears to be what he called "capitalizing the future." Beginning his operation in boom time he was able to multiply the capital stock of his properties, one, two, three and even four times, without actual disaster.

He has the Union Pacific, his parent company, capitalized at \$133,000,000 per mile, as against the Great Northern's capitalization of \$25,000 a mile, and the Lackawanna's capitalization of \$30,000 a mile.

The commissioners admit that the principal point to them in the revelation of Wall street wizardry is its effect upon freight rates. They will probably report to Congress that in their opinion some of this gigantic prosperity should have gone to the shippers and the public.

They have no evidence that the Union Pacific freight rates have been reduced or that the traveling public has received any concessions. In fact, the only beneficiaries have been able to discover are Harriman and his immediate associates, who, by increasing the capitalization of the Union Pacific by \$100,000,000, were able with this sum to secure the mastery of the greatest group of American railroads ever brought under one hand.

Government Attorney Kellogg began the proceedings yesterday by taking up the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad matter. Harriman testified that the Union Pacific had purchased the stocks of that company from him personally since July 1, 1906, for \$2,023,540. He declined to state the price at which he secured the stock, or the time when he did so. He said that he did not consider the road a parallel and competing line with the Union Pacific.

The New York Central stock purchased by the Union Pacific since July 1 last, Mr. Harriman stated, was bought in the open market.

THREE THOUSAND MINERS IDLE.

Lockout By The Montana Copper Companies.

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A Royal Romance

(Original.)

The hand of a former czarowitz of Russia was offered through the Russian prime minister to Margaret, a German princess, who was ordered by her father and sovereign to accept a husband who brought with him a probable crown. The princess was a spirited girl and not amenable to an order, even from such a source, without her own consent. However, she accepted the czarowitz, whom she had never seen, on condition that she should be invited to spend a winter in St. Petersburg. The invitation was given, and the princess was the most admired of all the women that winter at the court of Russia. The czarowitz, who was destined soon to rule the empire, took a deep interest in the problems confronting the state and seemed to have no time to devote to his fiancée. Margaret apparently accepted the situation as well as the attentions of such men of the court as dared risk offending the heir apparent. One of these, Count Demidoff, seemed to be the favorite.

One afternoon in December there was a skating party on the Neva. Neither the czarowitz nor the count was present, and the absence of these—the one the imperial betrothed and the other the supposed lover—gave other men opportunity, and the princess was much sought. The days are short in winter in St. Petersburg, and the sport was kept up after twilight. At dusk a man in the uniform of a captain of artillery came upon the ground—rather the ice—and skated by himself, for no one seemed to know him. He was generally to be found somewhere near the Princess Margaret and as the gloom deepened kept continually in her wake. While she was skating with a prominent court official a bit of something white fluttered from her muff. The officer, who was but a few yards behind her, stooped and picked it up. Immediately after this he left the ice.

That night at 11 o'clock a carriage emerged from the court of the palace. It was driven to a railway station, and a lady closely veiled stepped out and entered the station. She had been there but a few minutes, pacing impatiently back and forth, when the officer of artillery who had skated that afternoon on the Neva entered. Approaching the lady, he courteously lifted his hat and handed her a note.

"Pardon me, madame. I should have returned sooner this which you dropped while skating today."

"You must have read it or you would not have known where to find me at this hour."

"I—I—knew you to be the betrothed of my imperial!"

"Are you one of the czarowitz's spies?"

"By no means, but I consider it my duty to—"

"I would confront your lover, Count Demidoff."

"And what interest have you in Count Demidoff?"

"I wish to insult him and settle this affair by the code."

"I do not see how it can concern you."

"It concerns my imperial master deeply."

"The czarowitz?"

"Yes. In his name I demand to know if it is Count Demidoff you are to meet here tonight?"

"I do not care to tell you whom I expect to meet here."

"Nevertheless I shall learn, for I shall wait for him."

"For what purpose?"

"The count is a gentleman. I shall challenge him to fight under the code. He will meet me."

"And kill the czarowitz?"

"You know me?"

"I knew you from the moment you entered."

"I shall assume all responsibility. The count will meet me as my peer."

"And why should your imperial highness take this trouble, thus risk your life?"

"For revenge upon the man who has supplanted me with the woman I love."

"The princess bent her head and was silent. When she looked up she saw a figure approaching."

"If your imperial highness will turn you will see the person I am to meet."

"A woman?"

"A woman. I had concluded to go with her to my own country."

"And now?"

"Again she bent her head. 'I never intended to marry without love,' she said. 'No sovereign is powerful enough to compel me to do that.'"

There was a brief silence, at the end of which the czarowitz asked in a voice full of suppressed emotion, "Then you will not marry?"

"Only the man I love."

"And he is?" He bent toward her eagerly.

"The man who would fight for me."

The princess turned aside as she spoke the words in a low voice, and the czarowitz started. In another moment he beckoned to the woman standing aloof, who advanced and joined them. The princess introduced her aunt, the Duchess of N., to his imperial highness.

"Your grace's good offices are not needed," said the czarowitz. "The princess has changed her mind. She will remain."

The three left the station together and were driven to the palace.

This is a love story of royalty under assumed names. One feature of it has never been explained. Did the princess, recognizing her betrothed on the ice, purposely drop the note for him to pick up or did she really intend flight?

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